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DEVELOPMENT OF MULTI-MODE RADAR
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a delay in developing Multi-Mode Radar;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there has been a time and cost overrun in the said project;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to expedite the project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The project for development of Multi Mode Radar (MMR) was started in June 1991 with Probable Date of Completion of 61/2 years. The technology of airborne radars is very complex. The MMR development is being done for the first time in the country. No prior expertise exists in the country in this field with any organization.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. A project to develop two MMR systems for ground testing was sanctioned at a cost of Rs.62.27 crore. This activity was completed in 2004 at a cost of Rs.105 crore.

(e): A co-development activity of MMR has been initiated for Limited Series Production and Series Production with M/s ELTA Systems Ltd, Israel, which has experience in developing similar types of radars. To expedite the project, close monitoring of activity at the highest level of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) management has been put in place.